

## THE LEGISLATURE

Nothing of Importance Comes Before the Houses—Considerable Business Transacted.

## THE BILLS INTRODUCED.

Madison County Citizens Want a Portion of Their County Annexed to Gallatin—The Senate Adjourns Until Monday.

Yesterday was the fifth day of the Sixteenth assembly and was marked by steady, quiet work, showing a determination on the part of the members to transact business as speedily as can be consistently done. Notification was given in both houses of the introduction of a number of new bills. A petition from a number of leading citizens of Madison county to have a portion of their county attached to Gallatin, and assigning their reasons therefor, was received and will probably be favorably acted upon. The governor's message was assigned by sections to house committees, and quite a lot of routine business was transacted. The senate adjourned until Monday and it is probable the house will hold short sessions to day.

### THE COUNCIL.

Council was called to order promptly at 10 o'clock by President Cole. After roll call and prayer by the chaplain the business of the day was taken up. A bill to amend section 1765, chapter 10, fifth division, compiled statutes of Montana, was introduced. A bill to amend the law relating to the drawing of jurors and grand jurors, and a bill to amend the law as to the employment of special counsel by county commissioners.

Hatch gave notice that at some future time he would introduce a bill for an act to provide for transferring certain probate records now in Gallatin county to Park county.

Beckford announced that he would introduce a bill to amend chapter 5, fifth division of the general laws, which when amended will allow women to practice law on the same footing with men; to amend chapter 2, code of civil procedure relative to attachments in justice courts; to amend title 5, chapter 1, of the code of civil procedure, relating to summons publications, and a bill for an act to regulate the taking up of estrays.

Thompson, of Silver Bow, introduced a bill establishing a territorial board of inspection of steam boilers, which bill he said he would also examine and introduce a bill to amend the law relating to the printing of the territorial papers.

Collins introduced a resolution providing for printing 1,000 copies of the governor's message. Head twice.

On motion of Middleton the resolution was read the third time, placed upon its final passage under a suspension of the rules, and carried unanimously. Hoffman and Kennedy absent.

Council took a recess until 2 o'clock. Council resumed at 2 o'clock. Collins asked and obtained leave of absence until this morning.

Olds stated that Territorial Treasurer Prentiss had offered his office as a committee room.

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